

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 13, and 15 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

The undersigned would like to thank Examiner Kyle for the courtesies extended to him during the telephone interview conducted on April 24, 2007. During the interview, the above claims were discussed. The claims are amended to coincide with the specification. Also, the Examiner conceded that the claims appear to overcome the art of record.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1 and 9-15 for various grammatical and typographical errors. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 9-15 in an attempt to overcome the Examiner's objection.

In light of the amendments, Applicants believe the claims to be proper order and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw his objections.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 6, 7 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wadge (U.S. Patent No. 6,206,107) in view of DeLuca et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,591,456). The Examiner alleges that this combination would render Applicants' claims obvious to those skilled in the art.

Independent Claims 6, 9, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended. These independent claims have been amended to be patterned after allowable Claim 1. The

independent claims include features not defined by the Examiner's combination of Wadge in view of DeLuca et al.

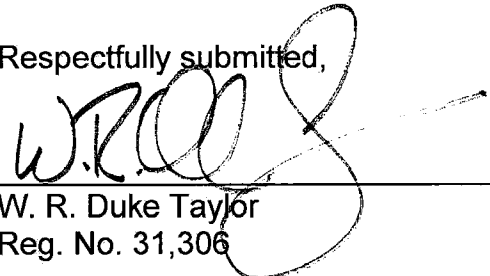
Accordingly, Applicants believe independent Claims 6, 9, 12, 13 and 15 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner. Likewise, dependent Claims 7, 10, 11, and 14, which depend from Claims 6, 9, and 13, are patentably distinguishable over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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